



Congregation Ohr Torah

Weekly Announcements

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Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei (Parah)/Mevarchim

23 Adar 5778

March 10, 2018

Candlelighting: 5:40 PM
Mincha: 5:45 PM
Shacharis: 7:45, 9:00 & 9:15AM

Rabbi Hoffman's Halacha B'iyun Shiur after Hashkama

Sof Z'man Krias Shma (GR"A): 9:12AM

Rabbi Luban's Moed Katan Shiur – 4:40 PM

Rabbi Malitzky's Mishna Shiur – after mincha

Mincha: 1:45 PM & 5:30 PM

NOTE EARLIER MINCHA TIME TO ACCOMMODATE 5 WEEKS OF KEL MALEH'S

Shalosh Seudos speaker: Meir Kornfeld

Maariv: 6:45PM

Shabbos Ends: 6:49PM

NOTE START OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – MOVE CLOCKS AHEAD

Weekday Shacharis:

Sun. 7:15, 8 & 9 AM

Mon. 6:17, 7:05 & 8 AM

Earliest Talis and Tefillin: 6:21 AM

Thu. 6:20, 7:05 & 8 AM

Tue, Wed. & Fri. 6:30, 7:10 & 8AM

Early Mincha Sun. 1:45 & 5:45 PM

Early Mincha Mon.-Thu. 5:45 PM

Mincha/Maariv: 6:45 PM

Late Maariv: 10:10 PM

note end of 7:30 Maariv for the season

SHIURIM

- Rabbi Akiva Sauer's Shiur on Daf Yomi Be'Iyun – 7:45 AM Sunday

- Rabbi Luban's Monday night Shiur on Sh'eilos Uteshuvos – 9:10PM.

- Rabbi Malitzky's Chafetz Chaim Shiur – cancelled this week

Daf Yomi schedule for Daylight Savings Time:

Monday-Thursday- after z'man Maariv

Friday-after Maariv

Shabbos –one hour before Mincha

Sunday-after 8am Shacharis

KIDDUSH

Kiddush is cosponsored by:

- Shoshana and Ted Diskind in memory of the Yahrtzeits of Ted's mother Sarah Miriam bas Aharon Yosef Halevi A"H and Shoshana's brother Arye Dov Ben Mordechai Hecht A"H.

-Susie and Barry Wolf in memory of the Yahrtzeit of Barry's mother Chaya Rachel bas Moshe Zelig A"H and Susie's mother. Batsheva bas Rav Yaakov A"H.

Kiddush sponsorship available for April 21.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Shalosh Seudos is cosponsored by:

-The Kornfeld family in memory of the Yahrtzeit of David Kornfeld, Dovid Tzvi ben Michael A"H.

-Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Even Hen in memory of the 20th Yahrtzeit of Mr. Even Hen's father Mordechai Yehudah ben Betzael A"H.

MAZEL TOV

... to Irwin & Mildred Goldblatt on the engagement of their granddaughter Talya Rand to Abie Weinstock of Brooklyn, N.Y. Mazel Tov to the parents Steven and Sarah Rand and to Mates Weinstock and Lea Weinstock, and to all the siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins.

...to Rebecca and Israel Rivkin on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Avrohom Rivkin in Teaneck, NJ last Shabbos

... to Lani and Arya Eisner on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Tzvi this Shabbos. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Jake and Mati Eisner and Amos and Shoshana Ben-David.

...to Lynn and Neer Even Chen on being honored at the Maayanot dinner.

CONG. OHR TORAH ANNUAL DINNER

Cong. Ohr Torah is pleased to announce the honorees for its upcoming annual dinner:

Gershon and Deena Klavan & Srulee and

Alisa Hercman

Please join us on Sunday, April 29 as we honor these two very special couples.

PRE-PESACH WOMEN'S SHIUR AND

MECHIRAS CHOMETZ

- Rabbi Luban's pre-Pesach Women's Shiur will take place in the Ohr Torah Bais Medrash, this Wednesday, March 14th, 8:00 PM.

- Rabbi Luban will be available for Mechiras Chometz beginning Sunday March 11. Rabbi Luban will attempt to be present at as many of the Sunday Minyanim as his schedule allows.

CONDOLENCES

We regret to inform you of the passing of Arline Katz, the mother of Barry Katz. The burial will take place on Sunday, March 11, at Eretz Hachaim Cemetery in Beit Shemesh, Israel. Barry will return to Highland Park and sit Shiva at 132 N. 8th Avenue from Wednesday through Sunday morning.

Minyan Times

Shacharit Thursday and Friday at 7:45 a.m.

Shacharit Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Mincha/Maariv Wednesday and Thursday at 6:50 p.m.

May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

SEFORIM DEDICATIONS

- Edward & Elise Schechter in memory of Neal Auman's father George Auman Z"L
- Moshe & Susan Wiesel in memory of Jeffrey Schwartz's mother Sandra Schwartz Z"L

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

RPRY S.O.S. MISHMAR

Parents and students of all grades are invited to join RPRY in their Beit Midrash this Motzei Shabbat from 7:45 PM-8:45PM for S.O.S. (Save our Saturday Nights) Mishmar. Bring yourself, your Chevruta and your Sefarim and enjoy pizza, refreshments, raffle prizes and quality time. *This will be the final S.O.S. for the season.*

BONE MARROW REGISTRY

A young man, a nephew of a couple in our community, is battling a life threatening illness and is in Urgent need of a Bone Marrow transplant. People between the ages of 18-44 are asked to join the Online Bone Marrow Registry and be tested to see if they might be suitable as a bone marrow donor. Please go to WWW.BeTheMatch.Org and register to receive a "cheek swab kit". Please use the swab and return kit. This is a very easy process! They send you a package with cotton swabs; swab your cheek and return it in the self stamped package. 1-2-3, it's done! If you are a match for someone who needs a bone marrow donation, a donation of cells from your bone marrow could save a life. However, please note that if you have already been swabbed or otherwise tested, there's no need to do it again. You are already part of the national registry. Also note that It is very important to keep contact info updated so you can be reached if you have been signed up and are found to be a match for someone in need of a bone marrow donation. *** They are also looking into cord blood as a potential match. But whatever your age please daven for a Refuah Shelema for Yosef Betzael ben Rus.

UNVEILING

The unveiling for Mel Wagshul will take place this Sunday, March. 11th, 10:30 a.m. Beth David Cemetery, Elmont, N.Y.

ACTT

The ACTT (Achieving Change Through Torah) program helps individuals succeed in making meaningful and lasting changes in their lives. Source book: "Artscroll's "Living Simchah: Finding the joy in everything" by Rabbi Hadar Margolin. "Serve Hashem with Joy: Can we work on being happier?", speaker Rabbi Moshe Tzvi Weinberg, can be downloaded/listened to from Audio page of ACTT website www.actt613.org/6.html. For info, email info@actt613.org or call Phil Rosen (732) 572-8762.

CHAI LIFELINE SHABBATON

The Raritan Valley community will be hosting a Chai Lifeline "Friends & Fun" Shabbaton, bringing 25 children facing life-altering challenges to our neighborhood for a weekend of fun on March 16. Join our guests at OT for a Carlbach-style Kabbalat Shabbat and a community-wide suedah shlishit.

Please help us make this an event to remember. Sponsor or contribute today:

\$ 1,000 - Platinum
\$ 500 - Gold
\$ 360 - Silver

REMINDER: Emergency Defibrillators are located on the upstairs wall hallway & the entry hallway downstairs. Please note the location of the new First Aid Kits mounted on the wall below/above each Defibrillator.

CHEVRA HATZOLAH OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY 732-456-6666

\$ 180 - Sponsor

Up to \$ 180 - Contributor

Please make checks out to "Chai Lifeline" and drop in the OT mailbox or mail to David Waizer, 53 North 7th Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904.

LARGE PRINT HAGGADAHS

For over 87 years, the JBI Library has enabled visually impaired people all over the world to participate in the most treasured of Jewish rituals, the Passover Seder, by providing FREE Large Print Haggadot. If you or someone you know needs a Large Print Haggadah this year, please call JBI toll-free 1-800-999-6476 before March 22 and they will be happy to send you a Large Print Haggadah, completely free of charge. Enjoy the Seder! JBI is the largest library of Jewish interest in the world for the visually impaired with over 13,000 Talking Book titles. All JBI services are free to the user and delivered to the individual at his/her home. If you have questions or need any more info don't hesitate to contact me at 1-800-433-1531 ext. 127. Arlene Porath-Arfe JBI Librarian

ANNUAL KEAN UNIV. YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

The annual Yom HaShoah Holocaust Commemoration at Kean University will take place Wed, April 11TH 6:45pm at the Wilkins Theatre for Performing Arts (1000 Morris Ave, Union, NJ). This year's featured speaker is Robert Bielsky, youngest son of the legendary partisan commander Tuvia Bielski (portrayed by Daniel Craig in the 2009 film "Defiance"). He lectures throughout the world about the heroics of his father and uncles, and about their successful mission that saved over 1,200 Jewish lives during the Holocaust, whose descendants today number in the tens of thousands. Robert Bielsky is active in many Jewish organizations. He is a member of the Assoc. Board of the Museum of Jewish Heritage--A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City, and is past president of the Holocaust Memorial Committee of Brooklyn. Event is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ and Kean University's Holocaust Resource Ctr. Educators who attend will receive professional development credits, and sign language interpretation will be provided. Info/to register www.jfedgmw.org/kean.

EMPLOYMENT NETWORK

OF RARITAN VALLEY

Employment Network of Raritan Valley. Looking for work? We can help. Go to www.ENRV.org or contact Bob Lansey at ENRVInfo@gmail.com. We post over 100 jobs each month and help people with their resume and search strategies. Please help: If you know of any professional, part-time, or temp job openings, please e-mail info to ENRVInfo@gmail.com.

SOFER VISITS

The Sofer will be available to check you mezuzot and tefillin this Sunday, March 11th from 10AM at Judaica Gallery, [300 Raritan Ave. Highland Park](http://300.Raritan.Ave.Highland.Park). For questions or to make an appt, call [732-828-7722](tel:732-828-7722).

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Seeking counselors for Camp Kulanu day camp. Good pay and fun environment. Call Cindy Baruch [908-309-8818](tel:908-309-8818).

RPRY CAMP KULANU --

MACCABI BOYS-PARENTS INFO MEETING

Come Roast Marshmallows With Us at the RPRY Camp Kulanu- Maccabi Boys. Special Rate Deadline Extended to Monday, 3/12/18. Come learn why this is the most INCREDIBLE Camp for your boys, 4th-8th grades, for first month of summer, 2018!!! For more info: campkulanumaccabi@gmail.com.

SKILLS LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Women in the community are invited to the 2nd annual Genius Bar, a "reverse mentorship" program jointly sponsored by Project Ezra and Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls. Women eager to learn technology skills will be paired with Ma'ayanot student mentors who will work one-on-one to help the women achieve their goals. The Genius Bar, which is free of charge, has several menu options to choose from, including Google apps, Microsoft Office, graphic design, iMovie, social media and general computing. A pre-session will also be given by an HR professional and Ma'ayanot's Technology staff about LinkedIn, Personal Branding, Google Apps, & Advanced internet resourcefulness. What: Genius Bar Technology Mentorship for Women Dates: Monday, March 12, 19, and 26 Time: 11:15AM-12:20PM Place: Ma'ayanot, 1650 Palisade Ave., Teaneck, NJ Sponsored by: Project Ezra & Ma'ayanot Sign up: <https://goo.gl/66UQUUN> More info: <https://www.maayanot.org/event/genius-bar/> or contact rachelbook@gmail.com.

MA'AYANOT YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls invites the community to our Annual Scholarship Dinner Saturday night, March 10, 8:30PM Cong Keter Torah, Teaneck, NJ Please join us in expressing Hakarat Hatov to our honorees: Mr. Saul & Mrs. Deena Kaszovitz - Keter Shem Tov Award, Rabbi Elie & Dr. Miriam Berman-Amudei Ma'ayanot Honorees, Dr. Neer & Mrs. Lynn Even-Hen- Parents of the Year, Ms. Samantha Kur - Teacher of the Year To make a pledge and reservation, please visit: <https://www.maayanot.org/annual-dinner/> contact Pam Ennis, Dir of Development 201-833-4307x. 265 ennisp@maayanot.org

SHOVAVIM

Shovavim presents the 26th annual community wide Taharas Mishpacha review: For women: Rebbetzin Aviva Wasser will be speaking on halachos and hashkafos of Taharas Mishpacha - postponed due to weather; will be rescheduled after Pesach. Please submit questions to be answered by Rebbetzin Wasser at the review to parkmikvaevents@gmail.com.

NEFESH B'NEFESH ALIYAH EVENT

Join Nefesh B'Nefesh for the Aliyah event of the year! Sun, March 11th, John Jay College Manhattan Hear from professionals about employment, communities, education, taxes, budgeting and retirement in Israel, and featuring a vendor fair running throughout the day. This is a great opportunity to meet and network with other people planning Aliyah. Check-in & Registration Times: Empty Nesters & Retirees: 10am Medical Professionals: 10am General Programming: 11:30am Students & Young Professionals: 1pm For more info: www.nbn.org.il/nyc2018

NETIVOT PRE-PESACH SPECTACULAR

Netivot is hosting a Pre-Pesach Spectacular on March 11. Featuring the acrobatics of the French Twins from France and Alex's Bubble Show. Doors open at 1:30. Show 2:00-3:30. Bartle School in Highland Park. \$18 per ticket (early bird). Order tickets at netivot.booktix.com.

AA PRACTICAL HALACHA SERIES

The community is invited to a weekly learning opportunity at Ahavas Achim Tuesday evenings 8:45PM -9:30PM in the Beit Midrash on the Laws of Shabbat with a focus on Amira L'Akum: The laws of instructing a non-Jew to perform Melacha on Shabbat. Instructor is Rabbi Yehoshua Lewis, the Dir of Mesorah NJ. The shiur follows the

structure of Kitzur Shulchan Aruch. This learning opportunity is sponsored in memory of Joel Cohen, z"l and is free and open to the public.

- The Ahavas Achim youth dept has an easy and convenient way for you to bring joy to your family, friends, and Israeli soldiers. All you need to do is log on to www.gillsgoodies.com and use the code "AA 2018" or 1-866-721-7292 mention AA The AA youth dept receives 10% of all orders placed

AY CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

The AY annual clothing giveaway will be this Sunday March 11 from 10AM-3PM at [1587 Rt 27, Edison, NJ](http://1587.Rt.27.Edison.NJ). Come "shop" for the entire family for new to you clothing. Donations are optional (but welcome). Clothing donations (in EXCELLENT condition only) can be dropped off at [238 Harrison Ave., Highland Park, NJ](http://238.Harrison.Ave.,Highland.Park,NJ). For more info regarding donating clothing to the giveaway, please contact Ida Scheiner at (917) 439-6163. For more information about the clothing giveaway, please contact Rivka Jaffe at (732) 762-0490.

TOMCHEI SHABBOS PESACH CAMPAIGN

With Pesach only one month away, there are families in our community for whom purchasing even the basic necessities for the holiday is a crushing financial burden. Tomchei Shabbos helps ease this burden, and provide peace of mind, by ensuring that these families' basic needs are met. For Tomchei Shabbos, this is our largest campaign of the year. Families in our community are counting on this food but we need your support to make it happen. Donations can be made through website www.tomcheimc.org. Checks can also be sent to Tomchei Shabbos of Middlesex County, c/o Cong. Ohr Torah, **WEB: RABBI YISROEL WEISS SHIUR**

Rabbi Yisroel Weiss shiur, "Living with Parsha", for men and women: Wednesday evenings 8:30PM at the Eiserman's home, 154 North 10th Ave, HP. For info, call Marsha at 732-503-8675.

TIFERES

DVD for women Motzai Shabbos, March 10 at 9PM at the Siegel house: Speaker - Rabbi Daniel Glatstein and Mrs. Miryam Swerdlov. Topic: "Simcha: How to Find it?" Weekly teleconferences with topics such as shalom bayis and parenting are avail to Tiferes members. Current teleconference: "Raising Happy Children - The Myths, The Reality" Speaker: Mrs. Debbie Selengut. For info/to become a member, contact Aviva at sieglmom@gmail.com. The HP/Edison group of Tiferes is zecher l'nishmas Malka bas Shalom.

FOR WOMEN

-Sundays 10AM - Rabbi Bassous Class on 13 Principles of Faith for Women at Etz Ahaim.
-Sun March 11th 11AM-Rebbetzin Eichenstein's Tefillah class for women at the Agudah. Check class status with Aviva 732-572-4408 or sieglmom@gmail.com
-Mon March 12th 8PM Rebbetzin Eichenstein's Parsha class at OT. Check class status with Aviva 732-572-4408 or sieglmom@gmail.com
Please note that these will be the last classes until after Pesach.
-Mrs. Leah Drillman's Shimiras Haloshon class resumes after Pesach.
-Mrs. Miri Cohen's Parsha Class will resume after Pesach.
-Women's AMEN Group meets monthly on Sundays following the Shabbos in which one benschos Rosh Chodesh, 9:30AM in a downstairs classroom at Cong Ohr Torah. The group meets in the zechus of a refuah shelaimah for Menachem Mordechai ben Ophira and other community Cholim

GEMACHS

-Diaper Gemach HP/Edison: Diapers, pullups, wipes needed Email diapergemach@gmail.com.

-The Edison/HP Gown Gemach, L'iluy Nishmas R' Yitzchok Ben Binyomin Gemach Gowns for children thru adult. Donations of good condition gowns sought. Tax deduct given/pick up of gowns arranged. Info/appt Sara Scott 516-526-0941.

PARK MIKVAH

Amazon. Use the following link:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7037953>. A donation will be made to Park Mikvah.

-Hours: Sun-Thu hours are 8PM-10:30PM. Fri night by appt only-leave a message at [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411) or via website or call/text [732-221-8155](tel:732-221-8155)

March 10: 8PM-10:30PM. March 10: 8PM-10:30PM; March 17, 24: 9:15-11:15; March 30-31 (Pesach) by appt only. Check for updates at

www.parkmikvah.org and [732-249-2411](tel:732-249-2411)

-Have you participated in this incredible mitzvah campaign yet? Go to www.parkmikvah.org/donate to help raise the remaining funds!

OHR TORAH NEWSLETTER: To subscribe to Announcements, go to www.ohrtorah.net

E-MAIL LIST: To join OT email list, contact Gene Wasserman at genew@compugene.com.

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Kiddush or reserve Kiddush room contact Russell Adler or Elie Wiesel at reservations@ohrtorah.net

SHALOSH SEUDOS SPONSORSHIP: To sponsor Shalosh Seudos, contact Moshe Wiesel.

BUILDING DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES Contact Moshe Schneider at 732-618-4702.

TREE OF LIFE / YAHZEIT PLAQUES: To dedicate a Yahrzeit Plaque or Leaf for the Lobby Eitz Chayim Tree, contact Moish Nat by sending

detailed fax with all dedicatory wording to 732-759-8558. For more info, call Moish at 732-759-807 work days or 732-572-4132 in the evening.

SEFORIM DEDICATIONS: Book/Seforim Dedications of all types are available contact Barry Siegel siegeldad@gmail.com.

HOUSEKEEPING: For housekeeping issues and inquiries contact Lou Smith at ludeeju@gmail.com or 732-572-5633.

KEILIM MIKVAH HOURS: Ohr Torah Keilim Mikvah hours are officially Sundays from 7AM-10AM. If you need special access during non-open hours, contact Barry Siegel 732- 572-4408 or siegeldad@gmail.com

OHR TORAH YOUTH PROGRAM EVENTS:

Children can register for events on OT's website "ohrtorah.net" or call Mayer Berg at 732-572-3429.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH LEARNING: See the OT website, www.ohrtorah.net, for various schedules of learning as a Z'chus for a Refuah Shleimah

FUNERAL/ SHIVA ANNOUNCEMENTS: For funeral and Shiva email and phone mail announcements contact Reena Greenspan 732-828-5642 (home) 732-678-8848 (cell), reenagreenspan@yahoo.com or Gene Wasserman 732-397-0130 or genew@compugene.com

YAHZEIT DATABASE: To register a family member in the Yahrzeit database, go to ohrtorah.net and click "Register for OT Yahrzeit Notification" or speak with Ralph Dessau or Gene Wasserman.

LOCAL ERUV: If you depend on the eruv for carrying on Shabbat you are responsible to check

the status of the eruv before Shabbat starts. We now have six different ways you can check the eruv's status:

-Twitter: You can get a free Twitter account and follow the user [@hp_eruv](https://twitter.com/hp_eruv).

-Text Messaging: You can get text message updates of the eruv's status on your cell phone. You need a Twitter account Twitter accounts are free. Follow [hp_eruv](https://twitter.com/hp_eruv) to 40404. Go to the Eruv webpage for complete directions on [setting up text messaging](#) the Highland Park Eruv website.

-Facebook: Follow the [@hperuv](#) Facebook group. Webpage: The Highland Park Eruv webpage displays the Twitter updates on the [Home](#) page

and on the [News](#) page.

-Phone Hotline: The Phone hotline at 732-247---ERUV is updated before Shabbat.

-Email Alerts: Go to the Highland Park Eruv webpage, and sign up.

Parshas Vayikra

Candlelighting:	6:47PM
Mincha	6:55 PM

Ohr Torah can be found at <http://www.ohrtorah.net>. Join the email list for Weekly Announcements. Announcements should be sent to announcements@ohrtorah.net by 7PM Wed. Please make sure to leave a contact/callback name and phone number.

Sof Davar

by Moshe Sherman

R. Yisroel Zev Gustman (1908-1991)

Last week, we discussed the early years of R. Yisroel Zev Gustman, whose remarkable survival during World War II allowed him to rebuild his life in New York. R. Gustman arrived in Brooklyn, N.Y., during the summer of 1946, where he soon became acquainted with the outstanding *talmidei chachamim* in America, including R. Yitzchak Hutner, R. Moshe Feinstein, and Rav Moshe's son-in-law, R. Eliyahu Moshe Shisgal, who became a close friend and *chavrusa*. R. Moshe Feinstein suggested to the Lubavitcher Rebbe, R. Yoseph Yitzchak Schneersohn that R. Gustman be offered a position at his yeshiva. R. Gustman had taught at the Tomchei Temimim Yeshiva in Vilna, and was ready to accept the opportunity. He remained at Yeshiva Tomchei Temimim until 1950, when he decided to open his own yeshiva, which he called Netzach Yisroel-Ramailes, in memory of the pre-war Ramailes yeshiva.

When the Ponevezher Rav, R. Yoseph Shlomo Kahaneman came to America to collect funds, he asked R. Gustman to become rosh yeshiva at the Ponovezh Yeshiva. On another occasion, R. Kahaneman told R. Gustman that they were opening a new Grodno yeshiva in Israel, and that he wanted him to become its first rosh yeshiva. R. Gustman declined both offers.

R. Gustman visited Israel on several occasions through the 1960s, and in 1971, after spending 25 years in New York, moved to Eretz Yisroel. Upon arriving in Israel, R. Kahaneman again requested that he serve as rosh yeshiva of Ponovezh. And R. Chaim Shmulevitz, his friend from earlier days in Grodno, requested that he come to the Mir Yeshiva. R. Gustman refused all of these offers. He also turned down a request to join the Moetzes Gedolei ha-Torah, as he had done earlier in America. Instead he transferred his small yeshiva from Brooklyn to the Rechavia section of Yerushalayim. He arranged to purchase a building on Rechov ha-Ramban, where he reopened his Netzach Yisroel-Ramailes Yeshiva in Rechavia.

In addition to regular shiurim to the yeshiva students, R. Gustman would give a public shiur every Thursday, attended to by distinguished rabbis, religious court judges, a Supreme Court justice and various university professors, including Dr. Robert Aumann, a professor at Hebrew U., who in 2005, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics. In 1982, when Israel was at war in Lebanon, Professor Aumann's son, Shlomo Aumann, was killed in combat. Rav Gustman gathered his yeshiva students and went to Har Herzl to attend the military funeral. At the cemetery, R. Gustman surveyed the rows of graves of the young soldiers who had died defending Israel, and stated unequivocally that, "They are all holy kedoshim." When he later visited the shiva house, he told Professor Aumann a heartbreaking story, 'I am sure that you don't know this, but I had a son Meir. He was taken from my arms and later executed. I escaped. I later bartered my child's shoes so that we would have food, but I was never able to eat the food -- I gave it away to others. My Meir is a *kadosh* - he is holy - he and all the six million who perished are holy.' R. Gustman then added: "I will tell you what is transpiring now in *Gan Eden*. My Meir is welcoming your Shlomo into the *minyan*, and is saying to him 'I died because I am a Jew -- but I wasn't able to save anyone else. But you -- Shlomo, you died defending the Jewish People and the Land of Israel.' My Meir is a *kadosh*, he is holy - but your Shlomo is a *Shaliach Zibbur* - in that holy, heavenly minyan.'

Rav Gustman and his wife would often attend the annual parade on *Yom Yerushalayim*, where children would march in song and dance. One year, a rabbi who happened upon them asked R. Gustman why he spent his valuable time in such frivolous activity as a parade. R. Gustman responded, "We who saw a generation of children die, take pleasure in a generation of children who sing and dance in the streets of Jerusalem."

Rav Gustman's life represented a living link of the world of pre-War Europe, from a small shtetl near Bialystok to Kaminetz, Grodno, and Vilna, to New York and finally eretz yisrael. He became the youngest dayyan of Vilna and a notable rosh yeshiva in Vilna, New York and Yerushalayim. He passed away in June 1991, with thousands marching through the streets of Jerusalem accompanying him to Har ha-Zeitim. You can visit the Netzach Yisroel yeshiva today, which still stands five minutes from the Kings Hotel, at the corner of Rechov ha-Ramban and Ibn Ezra.